



Senate Appropriations Committee Approves  
FY2005 VA/HUD Funding Bill  
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**Washington, DC** – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved legislation to fund vital projects in California to clean up perchlorate contamination.

**“Perchlorate contamination poses a major threat to the health of Californians and all Americans,”** Senator Feinstein said. **“I am pleased that the Appropriations Committee has approved \$2 million to aid perchlorate clean-up and remediation efforts in California. It is imperative that we reduce the perchlorate in our drinking water and protect Californians, especially pregnant women, the unborn, infants, and young children, from this threat to their health.”**

Perchlorate, which is used in munitions and jet fuels, has contaminated drinking water supplies or the environment in 34 states. If ingested, perchlorate can interfere with thyroid function, and scientific evidence suggests that this effect can impair the normal development of the brain in fetuses, newborns and infants, permanently damaging cognitive abilities and brain function in affected children.

Specifically, the committee on Tuesday approved the following as part of the FY2005 Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill:

- \$700,000 for the City of Rialto’s pilot demonstration for an integrated approach for perchlorate remediation and treatment;
- \$300,000 for the treatment of perchlorate contaminated wells in the Inland Empire;
- \$200,000 for the City of Ontario’s wellhead treatment for perchlorate and nitrate;
- \$500,000 for the City of Pasadena’s pilot project for perchlorate removal using biological treatment; and
- \$300,000 for perchlorate cleanup in the Santa Clara Water District.

Additionally, the Committee approved the following California projects as part of the appropriations bill:

- \$1 million for the Inglewood Senior Center;
- \$350,000 for the Davis Senior Center;
- \$400,000 for East and West Reservoir Upgrades in Santa Ana;
- \$500,000 for the Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative in Sacramento County;
- \$500,000 for North San Pedro Water/Sewer Infrastructure;
- \$500,000 for the Martin Slough Interceptor Project;

- \$450,000 for the East Wilmington Recreation Site;
- \$400,000 for Emergency Generator for Two Coastal Sewer Pump Stations in Laguna Beach;
- \$650,000 for Cimmarusti Science Center's Teacher Training and Science Education Outreach Program at Glendale Community College;
- \$250,000 for Non-Point Source Water Quality Management Program for Landowners in Fresno County;
- \$750,000 for the Griffith Observatory Exhibit Program;
- \$250,000 for San Francisco Old Mint;
- \$250,000 for Eldorado Teen City in Stockton;
- \$750,000 for the Chabot Science Center in Oakland; and
- \$500,000 for the Tahoe Environmental Improvement Project.

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